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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

February 27, 2003

Ms. Carol Sureau
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Legal Affairs Division
Office of Insurance Commissioner
Post Office Box 40255
Olympia, Washington 98504-0255

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Re: *The Application Regarding the Conversion and Acquisition of Control of
Premera Blue Cross and its Affiliates; No. G02-45, Before the Insurance
Commissioner of the State of Washington*

Dear Ms. Sureau:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of all of the parties in the referenced matter. With the entry of the Fourth Order on February 10, 2003, the parties have now been determined and we suggest that it is appropriate to revisit the requirements for filing instruments in these proceedings that were established by the commissioner in the First Order issued on October 24, 2002.

The First Order required that you be served with the original and thirteen copies (one of the copies consisting of an electronic version contained on a diskette) for distribution to various individuals within the Office of Insurance Commissioner and the Attorney General's Office. See First Order 6, § 5. For the purposes of reducing the volume of paper to be submitted by the parties and handled by your office and formalizing a service list, the parties recommend that the commissioner modify the First Order.

1. Each party will be served a copy of each pleading or other instrument filed with the commissioner as follows:

PREMERA -- a copy each to Thomas E. Kelly, Jr., and John P. Domeika;

OIC Staff -- a copy each to John Hamje and Jim Odiorne;

Premera Watch Coalition -- Eleanor Hamburger;

Washington State Medical Association -- Jeff Coopersmith;

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University of Washington – Dina L. Yunker;

Hospital Associations -- Michael Madden; and

Alaska Interveners – Amy McCullough.

2. The original and five copies (one copy consisting of an electronic version) will be filed with you for distribution to Christina Beusch, the commissioner (working file), yourself, Scott Jarvis and the Public Affairs Division (electronic version). Mr. Odiorne will be responsible for distributing copies to Melanie DeLeon and Rusty Fallis.

3. We also request that rather than requiring submission of an electronic version of each filed instrument on a diskette, the parties be permitted to comply with this requirement by submitting the electronic version to you instead by either including it on a diskette or by electronic transmission over the internet (email message). In addition, it is our understanding that it is not necessary to furnish an electronic version of each filed instrument to any of the parties in this matter.

4. Finally, consistent with section 5 of the First Order, the parties have agreed that service of motions and briefs on the parties may be effected by fax. In addition, the parties have agreed that if attachments to a motion or brief are so voluminous as to make faxing the attachments to the parties impractical, then the motion or brief may be faxed without attachments on the condition that the attachments will be furnished by overnight delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

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